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Cc: ROSETTI, LEANA[Rosetti.Leana@epa.gov]; Holoubek, Helga[Holoubek.Helga@epa.gov]; COHEN, Deborra[Cohen.Deborra@epa.gov]; Scianni, Melissa[Scianni.Melissa@epa.gov]; Goldmann, Elizabeth[Goldmann.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Campbell, Rich[Campbell.Rich@epa.gov]
From: Brush, Jason
Sent: Wed 6/17/2015 6:56:12 PM
Subject: Re: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form/ City of Benson, AZ approves development of 27,000 new homes

Thanks all. Audubon has begun a letter writing campaign on this project, and I've been collecting the emails over the last week or so to consider a standard response. We'll do so next week, as Leana suggests.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 17, 2015, at 12:41 PM, SHOJI, KERRY <SHOJI.KERRY@EPA.GOV> wrote:

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> Thanks Leana for checking on this. I appreciate your assistance.

> --Kerry

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: ROSETTI, LEANA

> Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 11:36 AM

> To: SHOJI, KERRY

> Cc: Campopiano, Jorine; Holoubek, Helga; COHEN, Deborra

> Subject: RE: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form/ City of Benson, AZ approves development of 27,000 new homes

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> Hi Kerry,

> I asked around and it looks like this is an old project that Jason worked on back when it was originally permitted. If you already forwarded it to him, he can decide how to respond when he gets back.

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> Thanks,

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> Leana

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: SHOJI, KERRY

> Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 10:05 AM

> To: ROSETTI, LEANA

> Cc: Campopiano, Jorine; Holoubek, Helga; COHEN, Deborra

> Subject: FW: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form/ City of Benson, AZ approves development of 27,000 new homes

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> Hi Leana,

> Since Jason is out the remainder of the week would you be able to respond to the initial message? I think the EPA had objections to the federal 404 permit that the USACE eventually approved for the project (Villages at Vigneto in Benson, AZ). I originally send the message to Kathy Goforth in the Environmental Review Office; then to Jason and Jorine yesterday.

> --Kerry Shoji

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: SHOJI, KERRY

> Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:04 PM

> To: Brush, Jason; Campopiano, Jorine

> Cc: COHEN, Deborra; Holoubek, Helga; Goforth, Kathleen

> Subject: FW: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form/ City of Benson, AZ approves development of 27,000 new homes

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> Hi Jason and Jorine,

> I originally forwarded this message to the Environmental Review Office thinking the quote I referenced below came in response to a comment to an EIS, but now that I am rereading the quote, I now think it the EPA objection was in response to a 404 permit. Therefore, Jason or Jorine would you be able to respond to the inquirer?

> --Kerry

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: SHOJI, KERRY

> Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 1:58 PM

> To: Goforth, Kathleen

> Cc: COHEN, Deborra; Holoubek, Helga

> Subject: FW: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form/ City of Benson, AZ approves development of 27,000 new homes

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> Hi Kathleen,

> I am forwarded this message to you, if you or someone in your group would like to respond to it. According to a recent newspaper article:

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> "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering revisiting a 9-year-old federal permit authorizing the development. Both the Tucson Audubon and Huachuca Audubon societies are pushing for reconsideration of the federal permit, claiming the Corps approved it despite objections from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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> The project's potential to reduce water flows to the San Pedro River is one of the EPA's concerns and

it's a concern that has been raised by the community at public meetings. The EPA has warned that the project could damage water quality and cause impairment of aquatic ecosystems. Impacts to endangered species are other EPA objections." Source: <http://svherald.com/content/local-news/2015/06/10/396741>

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> If your group does respond, please copy the library on any response. Thanks.

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> --Kerry Shoji

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: drupal_admin@epa.gov [mailto:drupal_admin@epa.gov]

> Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 11:44 AM

> To: SHOJI, KERRY

> Subject: Inquiry from Region 9 Contact Us form

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> Question or comment submitted on 06/12/2015 2:44PM

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> Your Name: Alice Cave

> Organization:

> Email: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

> Phone number: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

> Your request or comment:

> I am writing specifically about a large development being considered in the Benson, AZ area, Villages at Vigneto. This is a development of some 27,000 homes, with an anticipated 70,000 new residents. I am not against building new housing developments when they are done intelligently. But this seems to have no consideration for the water scarcity in southeast Arizona.

> The San Pedro River, hammered by development in Sierra Vista and on the Hereford flats, is incapable of keeping up with current demands, much less another 27,700 houses. Obtaining water from 'elsewhere' is no longer an option because 'elsewhere' is already using the water.

> This is an unpleasant reality that we all need to face, and I ask you to bring whatever leverage you have to bear to stop this and similar developments. This development will require an environmental impact analysis.

> I hope that the EPA will place major emphasis on the water issues.

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